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HARYANA GOVERNMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCE IRRIGATION & CIVIL WORKS

Notification

The 4th April, 2023

No. 18/07/2022-3FICW/24265.— In exercise of the powers available with him, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to constitute an Authority, namely the 'Quality Assurance Authority' (QAA) for the purposes of quality assurance in engineering works implemented by the State Government and by organizations owned and controlled by the State Government and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as follows -

1. Short Title and Commencement.

- (1) The Authority shall be called the Quality Assurance Authority.
- (2) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Definitions

In this notification, unless the context otherwise requires -

- (a) "Authority" means the Quality Assurance Authority established under this notification;
- (b) "Chairperson" means Chairperson of the Authority;
- (c) "Member" means Member of the Authority and includes the Chairperson;
- (d) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;
- (e) "State Government" means the Government of the State of Haryana through the Finance Department.

3. The Authority

- I. The Authority shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid in clause (1), having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, subject to the provisions of this notification, to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable and to contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued.
- II. The Authority shall have its headquarters at such place as the Government may notify for the purpose.

4. Composition of the Authority

- I. The Authority shall consist of a Chairperson and two members.
- II. The Chairperson shall be a person who is or has been, an officer of the Government of the rank and equivalence of Secretary in the State Government or Engineer-in-Chief in the Central or State

Government or a person who has experience in quality management with at least twenty five years experience in Government or academia from an Institute of eminence & repute and shall be appointed by the State Government.

- III. One Member shall be appointed by the State Government from amongst officers in the State Government or any organisation owned and controlled by the State Government of the rank of Chief Engineer or above.
- IV. The Administrative Secretary of the Finance Department or an officer, not below the rank of Secretary to Government, to be nominated by him to represent him on his behalf shall be a Member.
- V. Where a person becomes or is nominated as a member of the Authority by virtue of holding an office or a position, he shall cease to be a member of the Authority as soon as he ceases to hold such office or position, as the case may be.
- VI. A member, other than an ex-officio member may, at any time, by writing under his hand, addressed to the State Government, resign from his office.

5. Powers and Functions

The powers and functions of the Authority shall be as follows, namely:-

- (i) to establish and notify norms and standards for quality and its management in engineering works;
- (ii) to establish and notify norms and standards for accreditation of quality testing laboratories and centres;
- (iii) to accredit quality testing laboratories and centres on basis of standards and monitor their integrity in the quality testing process;
- (iv) to establish norms and standards for internal quality assurance in engineering works by State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government and to monitor adherence to internal quality assurance standards by the State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the Government;
- (v) to establish, accredit and monitor third party quality assurance, control and management in engineering works by State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government;
- (vi) to organize training for quality assurance measures at all levels in State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government;
- (vii) to recommend to State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government, the organizational structure for internal quality assurance so as to further the cause of quality in engineering works;
- (viii) to audit the internal quality assurance mechanisms in engineering works by State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government and monitor the results and outcomes of such audit;
- (ix) to audit, based on complaints or directions from the State Government or the State Anti Corruption Bureau, quality of engineering works executed by State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government;
- (x) to seek reports on quality assurance from State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government and to issue such directions limited to the adherence to norms, standards, mechanisms and processes for quality assurance as the Authority may deem fit;
- (xi) to maintain a register of engineering contractors who have a poor record of quality management in the engineering works executed by them;
- (xii) to update norms, standards, mechanisms and processes for quality assurance based on modern developments to ensure reliability, quality and consistency in engineering works.
- (xiii) to constantly advice on technology up gradation, to actively communicate with leading Research Organizations, Nation/State Level Technical Institute, to explore use of latest Technologies/ Materials and suggested for a modern technological frame work in Civil Construction for adaption of Cost efficient and Green Infrastructure that will cut upon carbon emission ensuring environmental sustainability.

- (xiv) to review and issue annually the State Quality Assurance Manual, Key performance indicators and Specifications from time to time as per feedback on Quality and site specific conditions.
- (xv) to explore and recommend standards of Quality manual w.r.t. usage of locally available material (preferably dividing the State in four zones) for cost effective and timely completion of Projects by ensuring better availability of construction material.

6. Tiers of Quality Assurance

A 1+4 Tier process for quality assurance shall be adopted which will allow departmental systems for quality to be at the forefront and bring greater responsibility on the State Government departments implementing engineering works and organisations owned and controlled by the State Government, to ensure better quality in engineering works. The Authority shall have the responsibility for exercising oversight over quality assurance mechanisms, empanel and monitor the integrity of third party agencies for quality audit and accredit testing agencies and undertake quality audit of engineering works on complaints referred to it. The 1+4 tier systems shall be as under:

- (i) **TIER E:** The contract executing agency shall build appropriate quality assurance processes and mechanisms, based on norms, standards, mechanisms and processes specified by the Authority, while executing the works contract.
- (ii) **TIER 1:** Internal quality assurances mechanisms and processes by State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government undertaking the work including through its quality assurance wing.
- (iii) **TIER 2:** Third-party quality assurance with quality checks and adherence to quality standards by third-party agencies accredited by Authority especially for works costing above a certain limit, as may be specified by the Authority.
- (iv) **TIER 3:** Quality audit by the Authority as a result of which the Authority can directly or through appointed officers or agencies undertake quality audit based on complaints or directions referred to it by the State Government.
- (v) **TIER 4:** Audit of adherence to quality control norms, standards, mechanisms and processes whereby the Authority can audit, annually or periodically, internal quality assurance mechanisms of State Government departments implementing engineering works and organizations owned and controlled by the State Government.

7. Officers, staff, experts and temporary staff of the Authority.

- (i) The Authority may appoint such officers and other staff with such qualifications, as may be approved by the State Government with the concurrence of the Finance Department.
- (ii) The salary, allowances payable to and the other terms and conditions of service of officers and other staff of the Authority shall be such, as may be approved by the State Government with the concurrence of the Finance Department and Human Resources Department.
- (iii) The Authority may engage, on such fee and remuneration and for such period, such experts having such experience with prior approval of Government.
- (iv) The Authority may appoint, in such manner, for such temporary period and on such terms and conditions, such other staff, as it may consider necessary for the efficient performance of its functions, as may be specified by the Authority.

8. Finances of the Authority.

The expenditure of the Authority in the payment of salaries, remuneration, allowances and in the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions shall be met through the grants-in-aid to be provided by the State Government.

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